

**Remarks**

*A. Status of Claims*

This paper amends claims 1 and 10, and cancels claims 2, 11, and 12, without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter therein. Claims 1, 3-10, and 13-18 remain in this application and are presented for reconsideration.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of claims 13-18, and the indication that claims 2-5, 9 and 12 are objected to, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

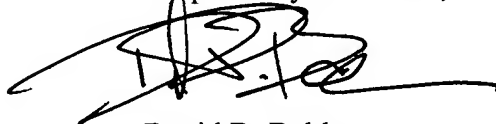
In response, Applicants have amended claim 1 to incorporate the limitations of claim 2, and claim 2 has been cancelled. This places claims 1 and 3-9 in condition for allowance. In addition, the limitations of claims 11 and 12 have been incorporated into claim 10 and claims 11 and 12 have been cancelled. This places claim 10 in condition for allowance.

*B. Conclusion*

Applicants believe the foregoing to be a full and complete response to the subject Office Action, and respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1 and 3-10, and the allowance of these claims along with previously allowed claims 13-18.

Should the Examiner believe that a personal discussion would be helpful, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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